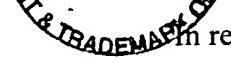


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In re Application of:

Examiner: Laura Estelle Edwards

Yung-Ming Chen et al.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Edwards:

This is a response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2003, which had a statutorily shortened period for a response that ended on January 9, 2004. Enclosed in a petition for a one month extension, extending the period to respond to February 9, 2004.